

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - China

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Beijing to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 12 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: Arrive mid-Jul and depart: July of the following year.

(3) Program Description: Approximately four FAOs per year conduct ICT in Beijing. They receive advanced Mandarin language training at Beijing Normal University. FAOs conduct regional travel and in-country travel primarily during the second semester, and also during school breaks and holidays.

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; Chinese Mandarin 1+/1+/1+ language minimum. No gender restriction.

b. Transportation: POV shipment is not authorized or required. Mass transportation is reliable and adequate. There is no FAO vehicle on site.

c. Housing: FAOs reside on the local economy and receive OHA.

d. Household Goods: FAOs are authorized full JFTR. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: The Embassy has a health clinic, which provides limited medical care and immunizations. Host-country civilian medical and dental care is available.

(2) Dependent Schooling: Several DoDDS-accredited international schools are available. Tuition is paid by the USG.

(3) PX/Commissary: The embassy has a small cooperative (shopette) with essential items.

(4) Language Instruction Availability: Cantonese and Mandarin language instruction is available for dependents at reasonable cost.

(5) APO: A full service APO is available at the Embassy.

f. Rating Chain:

Rater: AARMA

Senior Rater: ARMA

g. FAOs in Training/Programmed:

CPT Randy Lawrence	9907-0007
CPT Michael Janser	9907-0007
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h. Address:

(1) Mail: U.S Embassy, USDAO Beijing, PSC 461 Box 50, APO AP 96521-0002.

(2) Message: USDAO Beijing CH

i. Phone #: COM: 011-86-10-6532-3831, ext. 601.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

a. Bring Advanced Course, CAS3, and CGSC materials. ICT provides a good opportunity to complete them and they will help keep FAOs current on U.S. doctrine.

b. FAOs should bring complete array of military uniforms. Suit/coat and tie is required for social functions. Minimum level of dress when working at the Embassy is dress slacks and shirt with tie.

c. Regional Travel Priorities:

Priority One: China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong

Priority Two: Burma, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and N.E Russia

Priority Three: India, Pakistan, Mongolia, Singapore.

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